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DEPUTIES' MEETING

Thursday, 26 March 1953

PRESENT: Messrs. Wisner, Wolf, Becker, [ ]

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Mr. Wisner:

a. Reported on the status of the "Cabell Bill" and noted that: (1) we were pressing to get this legislation through before the Easter Recess of the Congress, since if this could not be accomplished now the Bill would be held over until about the 13th of April; (2) he had requested assistance from both Jerry Persons and Bobby Cutler in pushing this Bill, particularly since: (a) General Cabell had been nominated by the President; (b) he (Cabell) had personally requested that we seek the assistance of Persons and Cutler; (3) there was a possibility he would again be called before the Committee on Friday, 27 March.

b. Stated he had requested [ ] to postpone final decision by the PSB until the return of Mr. Dulles on the recommendation of the Rockefeller Committee that there be established a separate Government agency to conduct propaganda activities. Mr. Wisner said this request had been made in view of: (1) the absence of the Director and his (A/DCI's) inability to attend the PSB Luncheon today (which was subsequently cancelled); (2) the interest this Agency has in the above referred to recommendation. Mr. Wisner also said that Tracey Barnes had undertaken to prepare his recommendations for the Director on the proposal of the Rockefeller Committee.

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c. Referred to the series of questions put to us by State on the [ ] situation and asked Mr. Helms to ensure that a reply was forwarded today. In the event there is further information on this subject still outstanding, our reply should so indicate advising that such information will be forwarded upon receipt.

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Mr. Wolf:

a. Confirmed with Mr. Wisner the Director's desire that Pforzheimer personally discuss with Senator McCarthy the list of names furnished by the McCarthy Committee to Mr. Dulles.

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b. Reported that at the request of General Smith he and [ ] had discussed with [ ] certain contracts pertaining to construction programs of the Voice of America, and noted that [ ] had also discussed this subject with [ ] Mr. Wolf went on to say that he, [ ] had made every effort not to become embroiled in the VOA construction program and, in fact, the main purpose of the above discussions was to determine whether the contractors involved were performing any construction for this Agency -- noting that such was not the case. Mr. Wisner pointed out the "dynamite" connected with this problem, but stated we could do no less than abide by General Smith's request.

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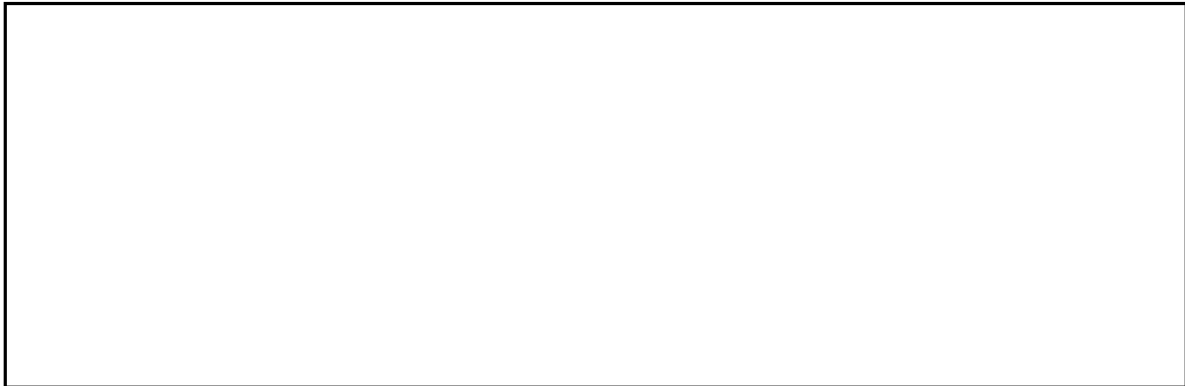
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a. Reported that the meeting on  discussed at the Deputies' Meeting on Monday, 23 March, had been arranged for Monday, 30 March.

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Mr. Becker:

a. Reported that there were sufficient "little things" in the air pointing to the remote possibility that the Soviets might pull out of East Germany and Austria -- noting in this respect that a Russian official is alleged to have stated that these areas had lost their strategic importance to the Soviets.



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